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***-ADVISORY-
OFFICIAL OPENING OF REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
Homeland Security Funds Used to Improve
First Responder Interoperability in Border Counties***

On Tuesday, April 25, Frank Navarette, Director of the Arizona Office of Homeland Security, will represent Governor Janet Napolitano at the official opening of a new Regional Communications Center in the Santa Cruz County's Sheriff's Office.

Funded with federal homeland security grants issued through the Arizona Office of Homeland Security, this center enables first responders in the border region to communicate with each other in emergency response efforts. Interoperability is one of Arizona's primary homeland security initiatives and is one of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's seven national homeland security priorities.

DATE: Tuesday, April 25

TIME: 9:45 a.m. (tour)
10:00 a.m. (remarks)

LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office
1250 N. Hohokam Drive
Nogales, Arizona

Note: Media will have an opportunity to see a demonstration of interoperability equipment paid for with homeland security funding.